

REMARKS

This response and accompanying Application Data Sheet are responsive to the Office Action mailed January 8, 2004 (the "Office Action"). In the Office Action, claims 1-21 were allowed, claims 22-42 and 64-79 were withdrawn from consideration, claims 43-46, 48-57 and 59-61 were rejected, and claims 47, 58, and 62-63 were objected to. By this amendment and without introducing new matter, Applicants have canceled claims 43-63 and have added new claims 80-121. Applicants have also amended the specification to correct a minor typographical error.

A. Priority Application

The Examiner noted that the reference to the priority application in the specification and in the declaration included a small typographical error. Applicants are providing herewith an Application Data Sheet (under 37 CFR 1.76 (c)), attached, containing the correct priority application number, and have amended paragraph 01 of the specification to reflect that correct number.

B. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 43-46, 48-57 and 59-61 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hidber et al. in view of the article by Boonekamp et al. Applicants have canceled claims 43-63, rendering this rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-21 and 80-121 are allowable. While Applicants believe that no additional fees are necessary, authorization is hereby given to charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0581.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of April 2004.



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